

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of :

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For: REINFORCING MATERIAL, METHOD
OF PRODUCTION THEREOF, REINFORCING/
REPAIRING METHOD USING THE REINFORCING
MATERIAL, REINFORCING/ REPAIRING
STRUCTURE, AND STRUCTURAL ELEMENT.

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Sir:

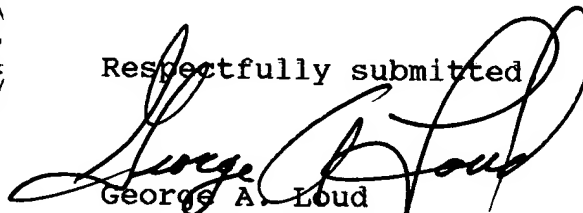
It is respectfully requested that the seven references listed on the attached, copies of which were are submitted herewith, be considered and cited of record in connection with the captioned application. These seven references were cited in the international preliminary examination report for the PTC application upon which the captioned national application is based in a copy of that search report, together with the English language translation thereof are also submitted herewith.

The examiner will note that Kokai publication 5-68420 is accompanied by a published English language abstract thereof. In page 8 of the Akihamo literature article, the examiner will find an English language synopsis. The other five documents submitted here are accompanied by partial English language translations thereof which may be taken as a statement of their relevance.

The Akihama literature article submitted here is believed to be the same as that discussed in pages 10 and 11 of applicant's specification and, accordingly, the examiner's attention is directed to that teaching as a further discussion of the relevance of the Akihama article. Likewise, the examiner's attention is directed to page 7 for further discussion of the relevance of Japanese Kokai 5-68420, to pages 7 and 8 for further discussion the relevance of utility model publications 6-15078 and 7-35948, to page 11 for further discussion of the relevance of Kokai 59-33105 and to pages 11 and 12 of applicant's specification for further discussion of the relevance of Kokai 63-67109.



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